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SUBJ: USE OF FOREIGN BASES AND FACILITIES FOR RESUPPLY OF ISRAEL

REF: A. STATE 212598; B. TOKYO 13958

1. FOREIGN AFFAIRS AMERICAN AFFAIRS BUREAU DIRGEN OKAWARA CALLED IN DCM LATE AFTERNOON OCT 29 TO FOLLOW UP DISCUSSION WITH SUMIYA REPORTED REFTEL B. OKAWARA POINTED OUT THAT BBC REPORT TO WHICH SUMIYA HAD REFERRED ALSO IMPLIED THAT US WAS MAKING SHIPMENTS FROM JAPAN AND GUAM. GIVEN THIS REFERENCE IN BBC REPORT TO JAPAN AND IN VIEW OF ARAB PRESSURES AND CERTAINTY THAT PRESS AND POLITICAL OPPOSITION WILL RAISE QUESTIONS ABOUT USE OF U.S. BASES IN JAPAN, OKAWARA EXPLAINED, GOJ FEELS IT MUST MAKE SOME STATEMENT IN REBUTTAL. HE INFORMED DCM THAT VICE MINISTER HOGEN IN REGULAR MEETING WITH PRESS LATER IN AFTERNOON OCT 29 WOULD STATE THAT THERE IS

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NO FACTUAL BASIS FOR BBC AND OTHER REPORTS ALLEGING THAT U.S.

HAS USED BASES IN JAPAN IN CONNECTION WITH ISRAELI RESUPPLY EFFORT. HOGEN ALSO INTENDED TO STATE, ACCORDING TO OKAWARA, THAT GOJ IS CONFIDENT U.S. IS UTILIZING BASES IN JAPAN IN CONFORMITY WITH SECURITY TREATY.

2. OKAWARA THEN INDICATED THAT SOME ELEMENTS WITHIN FOREIGN OFFICE AND GOJ HAVE BEEN PRESSING FOR STRONGER STATEMENTS ALONG SUCH LINES AS GOJ WOULD NOT PERMIT USE OF BASES IN JAPAN FOR ISRAELI RESUPPLY OR THAT SUCH ACTIONS WOULD BE INCONSISTENT WITH TERMS OF U.S.-JAPAN SECURITY TREATY. OKAWARA THEN ASKED FOR DCM'S REACTION.

3. DCM EXPRESSED USG APPRECIATION FOR COMPLEXITY AND DIFFICULTY OF PROBLEMS PRESENTED TO GOJ BY MIDDLE EAST DEVELOPMENTS. HE ALSO EXPRESSED OUR APPRECIATION THAT GOJ HAD RAISED PROBLEM AT HAND WITH US AT TIME WHEN MATTER WAS STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION. DRAWING ON PARA 1 REFTEL A, DCM POINTED OUT THAT BBC BROADCAST WAS IN ERROR IN STATING THAT FRG HAD PROHIBITED SHIPMENTS AND NOTED THAT FRG HAD NOT ISSUED FORMAL PUBLIC PROTEST OF SUCH ACTIVITY.

4. CONCERNING FORMULATION OF VICE MINISTER HOGEN'S STATEMENT AS OUTLINED BY OKAWARA, DCM SAID HE DID NOT THINK THIS WOULD CAUSE PROBLEMS FOR USG. HE STRONGLY URGED HOWEVER THAT GOJ NOT GO ANY FURTHER IN THIS OR ANY OTHER STATEMENT, INCLUDING THOSE WHICH MIGHT BE MADE IN PRIVATE TO ARAB AMBASSADORS IN TOKYO OR THEIR GOVERNMENTS. DCM EMPHASIZED IN PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE THAT GOJ AVOID BEING DRAWN BY PRESS QUERIES OR IN OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES INTO STATING ITS POSITION IN HYPOTHETICAL SITUATIONS. IN THIS CONNECTION HE CONFIRMED TO OKAWARA THAT FOR THE GOJ TO SPEAK OUT AGAINST HYPOTHETICAL U.S. SHIPMENTS FROM JAPAN TO ISRAEL WOULD BE VIEWED BY USG AS EXTREMELY UNHELPFUL. HE URGED THAT OKAWARA AND OTHERS IN GOJ WHO UNDERSTAND EXTREME SENSITIVITY OF THIS PROBLEM IN CONTEXT OF OVERALL U.S.-JAPAN RELATIONSHIP MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO RESIST TEMPTATION IN ANY QUARTER TO MAKE ANY SUCH STATEMENTS.

5. OKAWARA EXPRESSED AGREEMENT WITH DCM'S VIEWS. HE SAID FOREIGN OFFICE BELIEVES QUESTION OF U.S. BASES SHOULD BE
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KEPT SEPARATE FROM CONSIDERATION OF MORE FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN JAPAN'S RESPONSE TO PRESSURES BEING EXERTED BY ARAB STATES. HE SAID THAT GOJ PLANS TO CONSULT WITH USG IN TOKYO AND WASHINGTON TOWARD THE END OF THIS WEEK CONCERNING THIS LATTER ASPECT, INCLUDING IMPLEMENTATION OF UNSC RESOLUTION 242 AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO POST-CEASEFIRE SITUATION.

6. HEAD OF SECURITY DIVISION YAMASHITA SUBSEQUENTLY CALLED DCM TO

PROVIDE GIST, FROM NOTES TAKEN AT PRESS CONFERENCE, OF HOGEN STATEMEN
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AND REPLY TO QUESTIONS. HOGEN EVIDENTLY OPENED SUBJECT BY REFERRING
TO BBC BROADCAST AND STATED THAT FONOFF HAD BROUGHT THIS REPORT TOR
ATTENTION USG THROUGH EMBASSY TOKYO AND HAD BEEN INFORMED THERE
NO FACTUAL BASIS TO IT. HOGEN THEN STATED THAT GOJ IS OF VIEW
THAT US FORCES IN JAPAN WOULD NOT USE FACILITIES AND AREAS IN
ANY MANNER CONTRARY TO PURPOSES OF SECURITY TREATY. IN RESPONSE
TO QHSTION WHETHER IT WOULD BE CONTRARY TO TERMS OF SECURITY
TREATY FOR US FORCES TO SUPPLY ISRAEL FROM BASES IN JAPAN,
HOGEN REPLIED THAT SECURITY TREATY IS CONCERNED WITH SECURITY OF
FAR EAST AND JAPAN; THAT GOVERNMENT HAS RESPONDED IN DIET TO
QUESTIONS CONCERNING DEFINITION OF FAR EAST; AND THAT GOJ DOES
NOT EXPECT THAT US FORCES WOULD SEND SUPPLIES TO QTE REMOTE
PLACES UNQTE (ENPO NO TOKORO E). IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION WHETHER
IF US DEEMS IT NECESSARY TO SEND SUPPLIES TO MIDDLE EAST FROM
JAPAN, GOJ IS IN POSITION TO OBJECT, HOGEN REPLIED THAT THIS
IS A HYPOTHETICAL QUESTION WHICH GOJ WOULD DEAL WITH IF
SITUATION AROSE.

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